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REMARKS

In the office action, the examiner rejected Claims 1-7 and 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brunts (U.S. Patent No. 5,887,269). The examiner rejected Claims 8 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brunts (U.S. Patent No. 5,887,269) in view of Isaac (U.S. Publication No. 2005/0159889). Accordingly, the applicant as amended Claims 1 and 9 to more clearly distinguish the features of the pending claims from the technologies disclosed by the cited references.

Specifically, the independent Claims 1 and 9 now include the recitation which clarifies the definition of a user and a guest involved in the present invention and a relationship between the user and the guest. This is defined by the language "wherein the user is a person who uses the navigation system and the guest is a person who is entertained and went to the destination with the user" in Claims 1 and 9. The cited Brunts reference does not show the user and guest or relationship therebetween. For example, in column 7, lines 1-10, which is one of the locations indicated by the examiner in the office action, of the cited Brunts reference reads as follows:

Each memory card would contain a selected type of data base as for example a camping information directory, a business directory, a restaurant/hotel directory, etc. for covering a given geographic area. Each memory card provides categorized destinations with corresponding latitude and longitude position coordinates within a predefined territory and also includes alphanumeric text information pertaining to each of the destinations. For example, a business directory data base may provide business names, address locations, phone numbers and

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business operating hours, as well as other types of information.

The description in the above quote does not show the database related to the situation where a user takes a guest to a destination to entertain the guest. In fact, there is no reference regarding a user of a guest. The memory card of the cited Brunts reference stores information regarding what is called a point of interest (POI) which typically include place (business) name, address, phone number, etc. In contrast, the guest database of the present invention is specifically designed to store the information regarding the guest, the destination where the guest traveled with the user in the past, etc.

The part of the recitation regarding the user added to Claims 1 and 9 in the above amendment was originally included in Claims 3 and 12, respectively. With respect to Claims 3 and 12, the examiner indicates the description at column 14, lines 52-64 of the cited Brunts reference, which reads as follows:

As shown, a plurality of destination categories 124 are provided which may include category selections such as food, hotel, gas, and other identifiable destination categories. Within each of the destination categories 124 may be a plurality of sub-categories 126. For example, within the food category may be sub-categories 126 which include fast food, casual dining, fine dining among other food sub-categories. Within the data base hierarchy of sub-categories, there may be another sub-category 128. For example, the sub-category 126 for casual dining may include further sub-categories 128 such as Chinese food, fish bar, Italian dining, pizza and steak house and other possible casual dining sub-categories.

Again, the above quote is directed to categories of points of interest but is not related to the information based on the trip to

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the destination by the user and the guest. Therefore, the cited Brunts reference does not show the essential feature of the present invention. The cited Isaac reference shows the idea of using the traffic condition, weather conditions, etc., to determine the route to the destination. However, this reference does not show any idea of creating the database regarding the guest and the destination associated with the guest.

Therefore, the present invention is not obvious over the cited references taken singly or in combination.

In this opportunity, the applicant has amended the specification to correct minor wording errors therein. This is to verify that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Under the circumstances, the applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and the applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

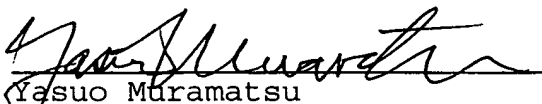
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